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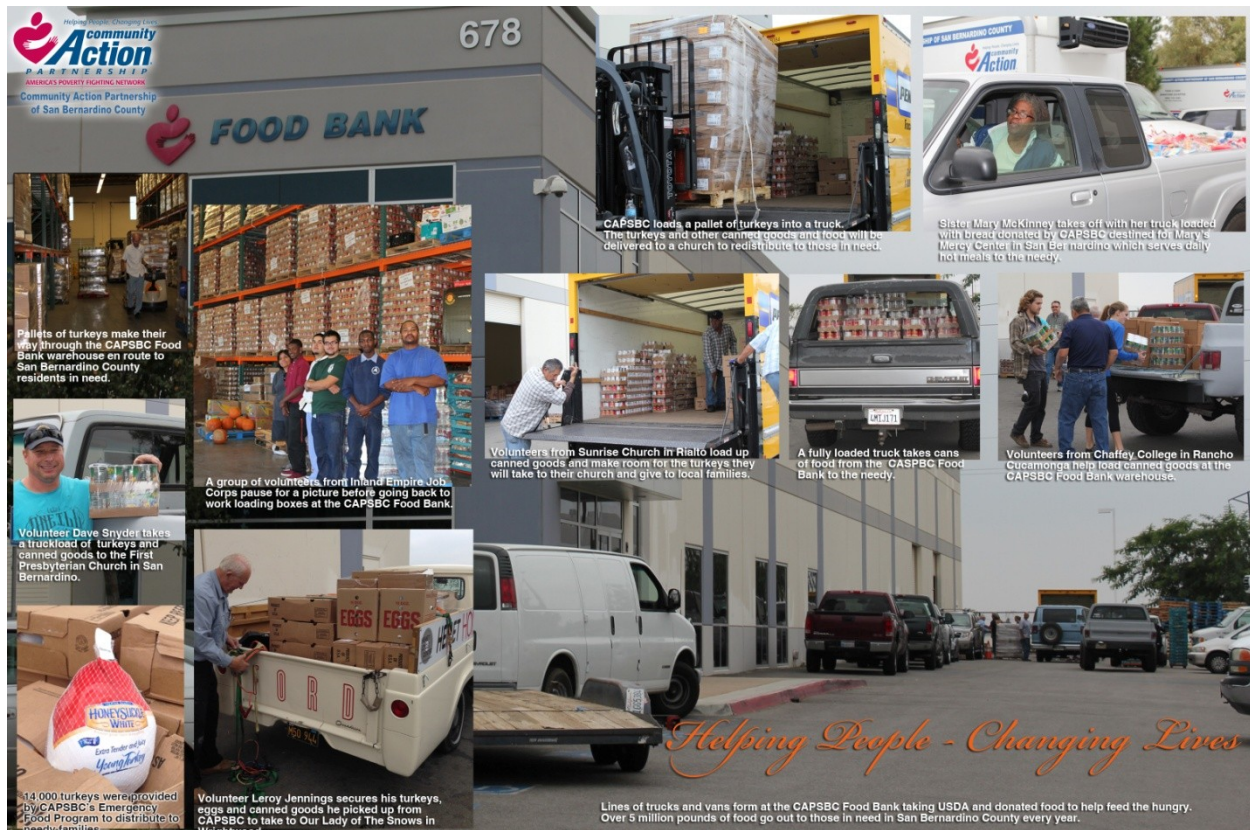
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Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County Food Bank to Provide 14,000 Turkeys this Holiday Season!



San Bernardino, CA – Nov. 15, 2013 --- The Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) Food Bank will provide 14,000 turkeys to feed low income residents of San Bernardino County this holiday season. The turkeys were provided through CAPSBC's Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) and will be distributed through CAPSBC's network of USDA partner agencies.

CAPSBC CEO Patricia L. Nickols-Butler stated, "The holiday season is going to be a little bit brighter this year in San Bernardino County thanks to the CAPSBC Food Bank and a grant by the Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP), this is one of the single largest holiday turkey distributions in the agency's history."

There are over 400,000 people living in poverty in San Bernardino County – this is 1 in every 5 people. The poverty rate among children under 18 years old is 28.3%. The CAPSBC Food Bank serves 30,000 families every month and is the largest provider of emergency food assistance in San Bernardino County. The CAPSBC Food Bank works hard to address hunger for those in need in our county and these turkeys will help in fulfilling the needs for thousands of families, children, seniors, veterans, the homeless, the unemployed and underemployed, and countless others who are struggling to hang on in these difficult times. CAPSBC is grateful to be able to provide these turkeys to help address the overwhelming problem of hunger and malnutrition in San Bernardino County.

The CAPSBC Food Bank is one of many programs designed to address the needs of San Bernardino County's low income residents and was established 1984. CAPSBC delivers services to 78 San Bernardino County cities and communities throughout our county, the largest in the continental United States at 20,160 square miles of diverse geography of deserts, mountains, valleys and flatland. In 2012, the CAPSBC Food Bank distributed 5,250,762 lbs. of food to low income clients countywide. In addition to the 112 USDA distribution sites, the CAPSBC Food Bank also supports 30 Soup Kitchens and 45 Salvage Food Sites with food donations. The CAPSBC Food Bank network is also supported by over 2,000 dedicated volunteers who provide tremendous support and help our communities. A complete list of all of the food sites served by the CAPSBC Food Bank is available on our website www.capsbc.org

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) (<http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/efap/>) provides United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) commodities to a network of food banks for distribution to eligible individuals and households within their service area. In order to be eligible for USDA commodities, a recipient or household must reside in the geographical area being served and meet established income guidelines. Under no circumstances shall a recipient be required to make any type of payment in money, materials, or services of any kind in connection with the receipt of USDA commodities. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is responsible for overseeing EFAP and ensures that USDA commodities are provided and distributed to eligible individuals and households in all 58 California counties.

The turkeys vary in weight but average about 15 lbs. each. Low income residents of San Bernardino County can receive a free turkey, along with the regular USDA commodities, by visiting a USDA distribution site that is within his or her zip code and certify that they are low income.

If you would like to help support the CAPSBC Food Bank this holiday season, you can make a donation via the website www.capsbc.org or call 909-723-1580 for more information.

The CAPSBC Food Bank is also currently gearing up for the Christmas holiday hopes to serve even more persons! We also desperately need more volunteers or volunteer groups that are willing to work in its San Bernardino warehouse to help with the added activities during the holiday season (over 18 preferred)! Call us at 909-723-1581, or email us at foodbank@capsbc.org or klara@capsbc.sbcounty.gov or visit our website www.capsbc.org if you are interested.

For additional information about the CAPSBC Food Bank program, or if you would like to make a donation, please call 909-723-1580 or visit the website at www.capsbc.org CAPSBC accepts donations of money and food and there are also opportunities to help by volunteering. The public is encouraged to help if you can, or if you are in need of assistance call 909-723-1500.

Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino is the designated Community Action Agency for San Bernardino County charged with providing programs and services for over 800,000 low-income individuals and families to help lift them out of poverty. We have been serving San Bernardino County since 1965. As one of the largest non-profit human services agency in San Bernardino County, CAPSBC, provides resources and opportunities to the low-income to improve their lives, contribute to their communities and offer a return on investment for our communities, cities and county. Programs include Home Weatherization, Home Energy Assistance, Family Development, Assets for Independence/Individual Development Accounts, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, and the CAPSBC Food Bank. Please call 909-723-1500 or e-mail info@capsbc.org or visit our website www.capsbc.org for more information.